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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "WHY PRAY IF GOD KNOWS ALL?"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "SINCE GOD IS FOR US"

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

OUR MIDWEEK SERVICE WILL BE MOVED TO MONDAY NIGHT THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS.

THERE WILL BE AN ORNAMENT PARTY FOR THE LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION DEC 9 AT 6 PM AT JINCY'S HOUSE. PLEASE BRING FINGER FOODS

MEET AT THE BUILDING AT 4 PM DEC 14 TO GO CAROLING

REMEMBER OUR HOLIDAY DINNER AT THE BULLPEN ON DEC 15

BIRTHDAY:

Dec 12: Nelda Windham

13: J.D. Dailey

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827

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WHY PRAY IF GOD KNOWS ALL?

(Luke 18:1-8)

- I. **Prayer is a God-ordained way to _____ Satan (Ephesians 6:12-13, 18).**
- A. As Peter plainly put, Satan is looking to _____ us (1 Peter 5:8).
 - B. James says that when we resist him, he _____ (James 4:7).
 - C. We fight Satan personally in prayer, but we also fight him in order to _____ other Christians.
 - 1. Notice the end of _____ 6:18.
 - 2. We are looking out for other saints when we pray for them and are helping them in their _____ with Satan.
- II. **Prayer allows us to have our needs _____ by God (Luke 11:1-4).**
- A. Notice in the prayer that Jesus _____ the disciples:
 - 1. Jesus said to pray for _____ needs (vs. 3).
 - 2. He also said to pray for _____ needs (vs. 4).
 - B. God is the giver of every good and _____ gift (James 1:17).
 - C. God takes care of those who are _____ (Psalm 37:25).
- III. **Prayer allows us to find _____ and _____ in hard times (Hebrews 4:16).**
- A. This verse should cause us to _____ God even more.
 - B. I believe there are at least three ways this is _____ for us.
 - 1. There are difficult situations we face _____ in life.
 - 2. We also face _____ to sin.
 - 3. We also face times when we need _____ for sin.
 - C. The context is dealing with times when our faith is _____.
- IV. **Prayer allows God to _____ us with peace (Philippians 4:6-7).**
- A. How many times do we worry over things which we have no _____?
 - B. Paul says we are not to be _____ about things.
 - C. Rather, we are to pray to God and when we do, we shall be given the peace of God that is beyond our _____.
 - D. When we pray in this _____, instead of worrying, God will “keep us.”
 - 1. This is a _____ term.
 - 2. It carries the idea of God’s peace standing _____ over us.
- V. **Prayer allows us to show our _____.**
- A. We are letting Him know we are _____ upon Him for everything.
 - B. We also show our faith through _____.
 - 1. When we go to God with a request it is to be done with _____ (Philippians 4:6).

2. When we are thankful, it is a _____ of faithfulness.
- C. We are showing that we _____ who it is that meets our needs and gives us the blessings we seek.

PRAYER
Jim Wyatt

In your walk with Jesus the Christ, have you ever struggled with your prayer life? Have you at times doubted the effectiveness of your prayers? All of us have probably had times when we knew that we were not praying enough. At other times, perhaps we have had difficulty in knowing what to pray for and how to say it.

We should remember that God wants his children to talk to Him and to tell Him of their requests (Philippians 4:6). We should remember that prayer is powerful and that it brings results. The fact that God asks us to pray and the abundance of evidence that He answers our prayers should be an incentive to pray. Let's look at what the scriptures say about prayer:

1. "Ye have not, because ye ask not," (James 4:2). We should realize that we have incredible power available to us through prayer, yet we often fail to use it. We need to truly appreciate and recognize how powerful prayer is.

2. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering," (James 1:6). Effective prayers are offered in faith with confidence that our prayers are not just empty words. Our praying should be done with the expectation of receiving, finding, and having doors opened.

3. "Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving," (Colossians 4:2). "Pray without ceasing," (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We should place a high priority on prayer. If we understand the necessity of prayer, we will make it our priority. Prayer is our direct line to our Father.

4. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," (James 5:16). For prayers to be effective, prayers must be fervent. Our prayer should not be mere rote.

If we would but realize the power of prayer, then surely prayer would become a greater part of our spiritual lives. Through prayer, Christians will find comfort, help, strength, peace and mercy when we pray.

Let us, the saints who meet at MidTown, be a praying people. In 2005, let's determine that we will pray more. We should pray for our elders and deacons. We should pray for our Bible school teachers. We should pray for our preacher and his family. We should certainly pray for success concerning all of our programs, both locally and in our supported mission fields. The deeper the desire we have for God, the stronger our prayer lives will be. Let us be a praying people.